

FISCAL NOTE

SB 3451 - HB 3541

March 5, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires that any guardian ad litem receive training appropriate to that role before court appointment. The bill also provides that Court Appointed Special Advocate volunteers be trained in accordance with the standards of the Tennessee Court Appointed Special Advocates Association.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

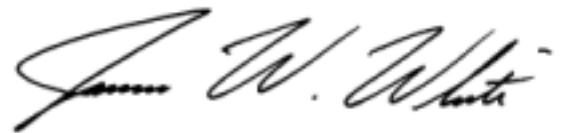
Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant

Other Fiscal Impact: Passage of this provision is a requirement of the federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act and will ensure that the Department of Children's Service is eligible to continue to receive federal funds under the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act. The amount of Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act funds budgeted in fiscal year 2004-05 is \$1,065,000.

Estimate assumes any additional training that is required for guardians ad litem will be provide by the Department of Children's Services within the currently budgeted resources of the department.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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